THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) During the Financial Year 2005-06, the following grants were released to Sahitya Akademi, Sangeet Natak Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi:

	Sahitya Akademi	Sangeet Natak Akademi	Lalit Kala Akademi
Plan	Rs. 10,24,80,992/-	Rs. 12,17,90,000/-	Rs. 5,57,04,000/-
Non-Plan	Rs. 3,30,00,000/-	Rs. 4,60,00,000/-	Rs. 2,90,00,000/-

The accounts of the three Akademies for the year 2005-2006 have been audited by the Director General of Audit, Central Revenues.

(b) Though some deficiencies have been pointed out for corrective action, the Audit has not pointed out any serious irregularities.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Indian Culture is propagated through cultural exchange programmes with different countries.

Siphoning of funds allocated to Indian Museum in Kolkata

505. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of siphoning of funds allocated to Indian Museum in Kolkata;

(b) if so, what is magnitude of funds misappropriated and whether any steps have been initiated to bring the culprits to books;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Indian Museum is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture established under an Act of Parliament.

The office of Principal Director of Audit (Central) Kolkata, undertook Transaction Audit of Indian Museum, Kolkata during May-June, 2007. The Audit has pointed out certain irregularities pertaining to Indian Museum.

Indian Museum has entrusted the CBI for further investigation into the matter.

Preservation of historical monuments in Delhi

†506. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take steps to preserve historical monuments;

(b) if, so, the details thereof State-wise, particularly in Delhi;

(c) the names of historical monuments for which grant is being provided, State-wise, particularly those situated in Delhi; and

(d) the amount incurred on the maintenance of these monuments during last three years till date, State-wise, project-wise particularly in the case of Uttar Pradesh?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes care of all protected and monuments of national importance in the country. The State-wise details of protected monuments are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process. Funds are alloted to ASI's 24 Circles, Science Branch and Horticulture Branch, and not State-wise. The details of expenditure incurred on conservation of protected monuments during the last three years and allocation for the current financial year, including for the States of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, are given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

List of centrally protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India, State/ Union Territory-wise

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Number of Monuments/Sites
1.	Andhra Pradesh	137
2.	Assam	53
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5
4.	Bihar	70
5.	Chhattisgarh	47
6.	N.C.T. of Delhi	175
7.	Daman & Diu	12
8.	Goa	21
9.	Gujarat	202
10.	Haryana	90
11.	Himachal Pradesh	40
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	69
13.	Jharkhand	12
14.	Kerala	26
15.	Karnataka	507
16.	Maharashtra	286
17.	Madhya Pradesh	286
18.	Manipur	1
19.	Meghalaya	8
20.	Nagaland	4
21.	Orissa	78
22.	Punjab	31
23.	Pondicherry (U.T.)	7
24.	Rajasthan	162
25.	Sikkim	3
26.	Tamil Nadu	413
27.	Tripura	5
28.	Uttar Pradesh	742
29.	Uttaranchal	42
30.	West Bengal	133
	TOTAL:	3667

Statement-II

Annexure II

Year-wise and State wise expenditure for conservation/preservation and environmental devleopment of centrally protected monuments during the last three years and allocated for 2007-08

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Circle/branch	Expenditure 2004-05	Expenditure 2005-06	Expenditure 2006-07	Allocation of funds at BE stage for 2007-08
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra Circle	593.00	613.00	677.00	555.00
2.	"	Lucknow Circle	713	600.00	559.97	450.00
3.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad Circle	365.04	263.00	375.00	850.00
4.	"	Mumbai	83.00	253.25	380.00	350.00
5.	Karnataka	Bangalore Circle	411.78	685.85	839.18	775.00
6.	"	Dharwad Circle	495.63	749.07	640.52	575.00
7.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal Circle	378.44	520.00	839.18	585.00
8.	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar Circle	388.08	296.35	298.98	325.00
9.	West Bengal, Sikkim.	Kolkata Circle	557.37	394.33	288.68	325.00
10.	Tamil Nadu, Pondichery	Chennai Circle	566.98	629.41	456.40	515.00
11.	Punjab & Haryana	Chandigarh Circle	232.70	256.00	434.00	435.00
12.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla Circle	65.59	108.00	117.50	125.00
13.	Delhi	Delhi Circle	761.37	754.26	836.57	800.00
14.	Goa	Goa Circle	105.02	100.00	81.95	80.00
15.	N.E. States, except Sikkim	Guwahati Circle	115.47	118.13	112.17	130.00
16.	Rajasthan	Jaipur Circle	279.97	285.00	302.00	285.00
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad Circle	341.00	461.41	661.47	575.00
18.	Bihar & U.P. (Part)	Patna Circle	300.00	325.00	155.00	400.00
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar Circle	239.97	274.83	268.70	290.00
20.	Kerala	Thrissur Circle	110.66	108.50	208.00	210.00
21.	Gujarat	Vadolara Circle	173.21	214.36	300.06	340.00
22.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun Circle	157.00	160.08	180.00	160.00
23.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur Circle	278.00	252.95	242.00	225.00
24.	Jharkhand	Ranchi Circle	70.72	73.55	50.00	60.00
26.	**CHEMICAL PRESERVATION (All India)**	Science Branch	433.42	499.23	543.95	710.00
27.	**HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES (All India)**	Horticulture Branch	1070.98	1198.98	1108.81	1330.00
28.	**DG, ASI**					72.00
	TOTAL:		9287.90	10194.54	10816.89	11532.00